



Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to everyone for the 2019/2020 academic year. I especially welcome our new Primary One pupils; Tyrese, Tiarna, Sophie, Thomas, Emily-Rose, Maggie, Sinead, Ella and Ivy to the school. I am sure they will have many happy days and will contribute much to St. John's P.S.

I also welcome Miss Rafferty to the teaching staff for this up and coming year.

I personally am honoured to have been given this opportunity to work with the children and families of this wonderful community.

I look forward to meeting you all in the coming days and weeks. Should you need to contact me about any issue, large or small, please be assured that my door is always open.

Brian McKenna
Acting Principal

Class Groupings:

Year 1/2:

Miss McGeown

Year 3/4/5:

Miss Rafferty

Year 6/7:

Mr McKenna

Principal release:

Miss Gallagher
(Thursday)



Our P1s on their first day of school.

School Times

School Opens: 9am

School Starts: 9.15am

Break Time: 10:45-11:00am

Lunch Time: 12:30-1:30pm

School ends for P.1/P.2 & P.3: 2:15pm

School ends for P.4- P.7: 3.15pm.

Children should not be dropped off before 9am as we cannot provide supervision until then.



Good Luck



Everyone at St. John's hope Mrs Tennyson enjoys her well deserved break this year. We also wish Mr MacIomhair a safe and enjoyable year as he travels the world.

Start of Year Mass

Our Start of Year Mass is on Wednesday 25th September in St. John's Church at 10am. Children from all the classes will be involved in this mass with the Primary One children leading the entrance parade.

P1 Assembly

The Primary One children will be having an assembly on Friday 27th September at 10am to celebrate their first month in school. Their parents are invited to attend. More details will be sent out closer to the time.



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School Dinner



Dinner is £2.60 per day or £13.00 per week. Dinner will consist of a main course meal and a convenience desert eg. fruit, a bun, ice cream etc. Dinner menus will

be distributed to the first of the family every month and will also be available on the school website.

Envelopes for money can be bought in from the school office for £2.50

Money

All money owing to the school should be paid to Mrs Duggan, our secretary, each Monday morning to enable her to complete the weekly accounts. The following should be stated clearly on the envelope: the name of the child; the amount; and what the money is for.

After School Club



The very successful After School Club for Primary 1 to Primary 3 children continues this year between 2:15pm and 3:15pm. This excellent service costs £2 per child, per day. Please contact the school to book a place.

Communication

This year we will have a number of different ways to communicate with parents/guardians to ensure that everyone is kept up to date with school events.

1) WhatsApp Service

Every weekend, we will send out a 'WhatsApp Broadcast' with an overview of the week's activities. Important notices/messages will also be sent out.

Please ensure that you save the school mobile number 07717491852 into your phone contacts (only once) so that you receive the WhatsApp broadcast.

2) School Website

The school website will be regularly updated with recent news, upcoming events and important messages.

3) Monthly Newsletters

Newsletters will be circulated at the start of every month.



When to contact school

If you would like to discuss any matters regarding school with a teacher, please note, the best time is between 8.45 and 9.15am or after 3.15pm. This is before and after class time. Teachers are unavailable during class time.

French

French lessons will begin on Thursday 19th September! Lessons cost 50p per child per week. This can be paid per term. Term 1 will cost £6.00 per child.

Healthy Break

At 10.45 the children will get a break to eat their snack. This should be a piece of fruit or a healthy snack. P1 & P2 children will receive a healthy snack every day at a cost of £12 for September and October.



Consent Forms

At the beginning of every school year, we require parental agreement on specific areas. These have been sent out with all children.

Please read, sign accordingly and return to the school by Friday 6th September 2019.

More detail and specific policies can be requested by contacting the school.

Our Entrance!

In the interests of safety and in line with our Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy, access to the school will be via the **main entrance only**.

If you need to collect your child from school early, please contact your child's teacher by note/phonecall at the beginning of that day then report to the main office to sign your child out. An adult will then arrange for your child to meet you.

Parking Safety

In the interests of safety and to prevent an accident occurring, we would appreciate if all cars, both in the morning and evening, would:

- Turn down at the football club entrance gates
- Park on the Primary 1/2 side of the school
- Do not park beyond Miss McGeown's top porch

Children must use the footpath to walk up towards the designated crossing area and our Lollipop Lady will be there to cross the children safely.

If you want a paper copy of any of the school's policies, please contact the principal directly.

Medical Needs

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If your child has any medical needs, including asthma, which the school is not aware of, please contact the school **immediately** so appropriate procedures can be followed.

Absence notes

Reminder: All absences should be followed up with a note for the class teacher. Please record the date and reason for the absence.



Please use this front entrance only.



Collection

If there is a change to the normal collection of your child, it is important that teachers are informed either verbally or in writing.

St. John's Safeguarding Team:



Mr. McKenna
Designated teacher



Miss McGeown
Deputy Designated teacher

Chairperson of BOG: Mr Pat McQuade
Designated Governor: Mrs Roisin Derry



Multi-Sports Camp

ST JOHN'S, EGLISH PS

Thursday September 14th - P5-P7, 3-4pm
10 Week Program



To book a place Register online at Healthy-Kidz.com

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Swimming

The P5/P6/P7 start their swimming programme on Wednesday 11th September. Can payment be forwarded to the school as soon as possible.

Non-Uniform Day!

The last Friday of every month will be a non-uniform day for the pupils. There will be a £1 charge for this. This money will go to school funds.

PE

This year PE, for all children, will be on a Thursday. Children can wear tracksuit bottoms on this day.

Library Van

The Library Van will visit our school every fortnight, starting on Wednesday 18th September between 11am-12pm.

Uniforms

It is great to see the excellent standard of the children's uniforms. This creates a great image for the school and helps children carry the same standard into their work.

Please ensure that **all items of uniform** and PE kit are labelled with the child's name and class to reduce the chances of items getting lost.

Oxford Island

Primary 4 to Primary 7 are going to Oxford Island on Tuesday 10th September. This trip is fully funded but children need to bring suitable clothing (e.g. Coat) and a packed lunch.

Violin

Any child from P3-P7 interested in violin lessons, please contact the school as soon as possible. Lessons cost £70 per year.



Transfer

Reminder: The deadline for children to register for the transfer test is Friday 20th September at 2pm. If you have any queries please visit www.pptcni.com or contact the school where you are hoping to sit the test.

September

Quote for the month:

"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think".

Riddle for the month:

I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

Joke for the month:

What do you call a cow on a trampoline? A milk shake!

